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26 OCT 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Acting Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence

FROM: Michael J. Malanick
Acting Deputy Director for
Administration

SUBJECT: Space Acquisition

REFERENCE: Ltr dtd 27 Sept 77 to Admin GSA fm
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1. Action Requested: It is requested that you sign the attached letter to the Administrator of General Services Administration (GSA) requesting reconsideration of inclusion of CIA in an apparent Presidential freeze on acquisition of new Federal leased space (Att 1).

2. Background:

a. The Agency has had a pressing requirement for additional space since late 1975. Then Director Colby authorized acquisition of 88,000 square feet (sq. ft.) of additional leased property in November 1975 (a copy of this authorization, which includes justification and may be of interest as a "back-grounder," is Attachment 3). Summarizing, the space requirement was created by the impending development of new automated systems (SAFE and ADSTAR) plus space requirements for expanding staffs such as the Intelligence Community Staff, Office of Legislative Counsel, Office of General Counsel, and Inspector General.

b. CIA's space utilization has historically been far better than most Federal agencies. Compared to the GSA guideline of 150 sq. ft. of office space

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per person, the Agency has averaged less than [redacted] per person in Headquarters and, throughout the Washington area (Headquarters included), less than [redacted] per person. These statistics alone represent prima facie justification for far more space than the 85,000 to 88,000 sq. ft. actually requested. As you are aware, since the date of the original request, more staff expansion has occurred. Your approved reorganization plan establishing NITC, among other entities, generates different and urgent requirements for both office and technical space. Although the SAFE project has been deferred, requirements for CAMS are even more pressing and require the same specially developed environment that was contemplated for SAFE.

c. The DDA has continued to press GSA to meet the requirements formalized in late 1975 by reiterating and clarifying requirements in two subsequent letters. The last letter, dated 13 September 1977, was supplemented by a call from the Office of Logistics to GSA's Region 3 Commissioner for Public Buildings. He advised (and he has proven to be a good friend of the Agency) that an executive-level appeal to the Administrator and subsequent waiver were required before the Region could proceed to acquire new space. Accordingly, a letter to Administrator Solomon (Att 2) was forwarded by the Acting DDIC. Although a formal reply has not been received, it is understood that CIA's space requirements were lumped with what we suspect are newer and less justifiable requests of other agencies and presented to President Carter on or about 13 October. It is further informally understood, as would be corroborated by Administrator Solomon's passing remark to you, that the President desires a hold-down on further Federal expansion in the Metropolitan Washington Area.

3. Staff Position: It is unequivocal that the Headquarters Building has exceeded the saturation point and

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that installation of space-sensitive equipment areas such as CAMS, ADSTAR, and SAFE cannot proceed without relocation of Headquarters elements to external buildings. External building utilization is such that no vacant space is available or can be generated by further consolidation. The most attractive and viable alternative is GSA leasing of additional space for Agency use. Should this approach fail, it will be necessary to pursue significantly less desirable alternatives such as using your extraordinary authority to directly lease operational space (with attendant political and legal complications) or further decentralize by seeking DoD space on military installations outside of Washington (DoD installations in the immediate area are consistently fully occupied).

4. Recommendation: It is recommended that you sign a letter to the Administrator of GSA (Att 1) requesting reconsideration of acquisition of new leased space for CIA.

/s/ Michael J. Malanick

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Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable Joel W. Solomon
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Jay:

(U) Further to our passing exchange at the White House last week regarding CIA's inability to acquire new leased space, the requirement for this space is urgent, and I would appreciate your assistance in solving this problem. As noted in the 27 September letter to you from my Acting Deputy, CIA's space requirements are long-standing and are essential to support congressionally approved projects now coming to fruition.

(C) Of immediate concern is expansion of a project entitled CAMS (COMIREX Automated Management System). I understand that you have been briefed on the Intelligence Community's new and vital, technical collection system. CAMS is the computerized tasking system permitting electronic compilation of target tasking for the collection center. This expansion will require several thousand square feet (sq. ft.) of computer-environment space. Two other approved projects already under developmental or design contract are ADSTAR (Automated Document Storage and Retrieval) and SAFE (Support Analyst File Environment). These projects which automate the retrieval, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence require an additional 25,000 sq. ft. of computer-environment space. In addition to the above new and special projects, it is necessary to expand our main computer center, now operating at less than half of manufacturers' recommended equipment spacing, by some 6,000 sq. ft. The totality of the above special equipment space represents 40,000 sq. ft.

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which simply cannot be made available by compressing our already overcrowded, [REDACTED] utilization of the Langley building. In fact, we have additional outstanding requirements for an equal amount of office space generated by organizational restructurings that have resulted from recommendations of the presidential and congressional oversight committees.

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(C) In sum, CIA's requirement for 85,000 sq. ft. of space is real, represents essential support of projects and equipment costing tens of millions of dollars (for CAMS, [REDACTED]), and is considered essential to the effective functioning of CIA. In the absence of other alternatives which, hopefully, you may be able to identify, this requirement is considered sufficiently in the national interest to warrant appeal to the President for exception. I would appreciate your reconsideration of this matter and advice as to how best to proceed to meet CIA's space needs in a timely manner. Please call me if discussion or further information is required.

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Yours,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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The Honorable Joel W. Soloman
Administrator
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The Central Intelligence Agency has a pressing problem which, I have been advised, needs to be brought to your personal attention in order to precipitate the necessary action. You may recall being briefed on CIA's space situation when you visited our Langley compound by me and my colleagues. For your information, I have been Acting Deputy Director since 12 July 1977. Succinctly, we are extremely crowded, and I find that I do not have the space flexibility to implement some of the reorganization/staff changes that are necessary. Further, some essential technical systems which automate the storage, retrieval, and dissemination of vital intelligence are ready for activation. Space for these systems is not available in our Headquarters building without relocation of some of our people to outlying space.

The Agency's existing requirement is for a minimum of 85,000 square feet of office and technical space. I have enclosed a brief CIA space utilization factsheet and, as can be seen from these statistics, we simply cannot meet our needs by further compression. The only viable answer in an acceptable time frame appears to be leasing office space near our existing holdings and relocating Langley-housed personnel to this space.

This is not a new requirement; correspondence to your Region 3 requesting additional leased space was initiated in December 1975. Subsequently, there has been substantial written and personal contact between our personnel on this subject. Most recently, we reiterated and clarified our requirement with another letter and have been advised by your Region 3 officers that there is a virtual freeze on leasing

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Sincerely,

/signed/

John F. Blake
Acting Deputy Director

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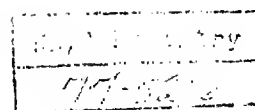
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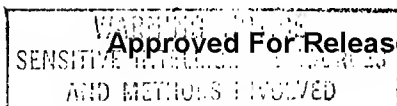
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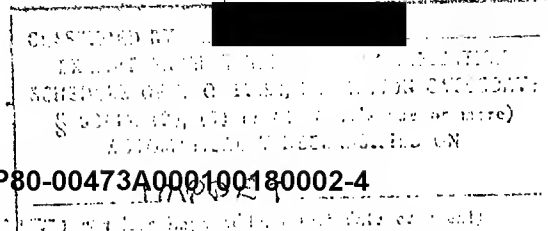
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